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TELEGRAPHIC.

BATTLEFORD, May 4th, 1882.

All of the land between the rivers for several miles west of the barracks has been taken and many houses are going up.

Ploughing and seeding are well advanced.

Col. Richardson held court at Prince Albert last week when he disposed of about 150 civil cases and several criminal ones of a serious character. He has gone to Qu'Appelle.

Governor Dewdney is expected here about the 15th of this month.

A blind squaw went to the river the other day to get a pail of water and was carried away by the current and drowned.

The flat here was flooded again this spring caused by the ice in Battle river breaking up before that in the Saskatchewan. Considerable damage was done to property, but if the jam had not broken when it did the buildings on the flat would have been carried away by the ice. The depth of water over the flat was from 2 to 6 feet. The Herald office was the only place that can say it had a dry floor, it being on a high spot where Mr. Laurie lives.

Col. Herchmer arrived from his visit of inspection to Prince Albert last evening.

Prairie fires have burned over all the country between here and the South Branch.

Mail left for Edmonton on Thursday of last week.

The new land act gives settlers in advance of surveys the right of homestead and pre-emption of the lands occupied, and all the time spent on the lot to count, so that if a man has been on his place 3 years before entry he can obtain his patent at once. Homesteaders who have got patents for the first locations may sell and take up a second claim. Settlers on school, government or syndicate lands if entered on before survey will be confirmed in their possessions, and in case of H. B. Co. lots, also, if that company is willing.

Headquarters of Indian and Mounted Police departments will be at the point where railway crosses the South Branch.

It is rumored new Dominion elections are to come off soon. Sir John will run for Lennox and Mackenzie for East York.

Sir A. T. Galt is about to resign his commission and will probably retire from public life.

Mounted Police pay increased to 75 cents a day.

The poet Longfellow is dead.

There are fears of another outbreak of Western U.S. Indians on account of scarcity of food.

The Hudson's Bay Co. have sold their river steamers and the tramway at Grand Rapids to the new steamboat company.

An Ottawa despatch says the North-west Territory is to be divided into four territorial districts each to be governed by a Lieut.-Governor and Council.

FR. PELLY, May 3, 1882.

The weather for the past few days has been very soft.

All the creeks and rivers are very high.

Telegraphic communication with Winnipeg is still interrupted, but a good staff of repairers is out and the line may be fixed any minute.

To the Editor of the BULLETIN.

SIR.—Allow me to correct a statement which appeared in your issue of April 15th wherein it is said that P. Heiminck purchased my claim on the south side of the Saskatchewan. I beg to state that I have never sold my claim to P. Heiminck, nor have I had any negotiations with him in regard to it.

Your obedient servant,

D. G. WILLIAMS.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN, May 2nd, 1882.

J. GIBBONS' wheat is up.

SEED is being got in from two to three weeks earlier than last year.

LOCAL.

WATER is rising in the river.

PRAIRIE fires are running in all directions.

SHINGLES are worth from \$5 to \$6 per thousand.

MAIL left for the east by boat at noon on Friday.

FRESH butter is coming in, in limited quantities. Also eggs.

SEED barley is in great demand and cannot be procured at any price.

Whooping cough, which was prevalent all winter has nearly died out.

THE weather has been dry and fine all week—very favorable for seeding operations.

THE telegraph line, although not down, is working very badly between here and Battleford.

THE firm of A. Macdonald & Co. now includes Messrs. A. Macdonald, J. S. Robertson, and J. Cameron.

HEIMINCK's hotel building at Ft. Saskatchewan is progressing, but will not be completed until the arrival of the first boat.

A. MACDONALD and J. S. ROBERTSON have invested thirty thousand dollars in property here since their arrival some three weeks ago.

MACDONALD and Dunlop did not leave Ft. Saskatchewan until Wednesday evening. They took passage in the H.B. Co's boat which was going to Victoria, taking their own boat also.

MR. W. J. SCOTT, registrar for the North-West Territories, arrived from Battleford on Friday last. He came with the mail to Victoria and from there by private conveyance.

J. A. McDougall and wife, H. Bannerman and J. Couture started for Winnipeg on Thursday afternoon last, by way of Hay lakes. They took twelve horses and will make a quick trip.

A NUMBER of Edmonton people are thinking of going to settle at the Bow river trail crossing of the Red Deer, and starting a town site. It is a good point, and beautifully situated, just within sight of the mountains.

LAMOREAUX brothers have sold an undivided half interest in their claim of twenty chains frontage at Ft. Saskatchewan to A. Macdonald. This property with P. Heiminck's adjoining thirty chains will be surveyed at once and sold out in town lots.

A. W. KIPPEN and C. Sherar left for Prince Albert by boat on Wednesday last. Mr. Kippen has left the government service and is now employed by the H.B. Co. After doing some surveying at Prince Albert he will return here during the summer.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Weather report for week ending Thursday evening, 4th May, 1882. Reported for the BULLETIN by Mr. Alexander Taylor, observer at Edmonton.

	Max.	Min.
Friday,	51	24
Saturday,	62	25
Sunday,	51	28
Monday,	65	21
Tuesday,	69	31
Wednesday,	71	38
Thursday,	68	29

Barometer 27.643 and rising.

Highest wind during week was 16 miles per hour on Monday, and lowest 2 miles on Friday, average for the week, 7 miles per hour, principally from the west.

DEATHS.

STEELE.—At Ft. Saskatchewan, on Wednesday, 3rd inst., MARY EMILY, daughter of Serg't R. E. Steele, of the Police Force, aged six months.

GARDEN SEEDS of all kinds just arrived by mail at

FRANK OLIVER'S.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as general merchants, in the city of Edmonton, has been this day dissolved by effluxion of time and mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Alexander Macdonald and John C. Cameron at Edmonton aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Alexander Macdonald and John C. Cameron, by whom the same will be settled.

Signed,

Witness, } ALEXANDER MACDONALD.
H'Y BLEEKER. } CHARLES STEWART,
JOHN C. CAMERON.

ONE THOUSAND TOWN LOTS

Will be placed on the Market for Sale on the

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at the

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of the

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER AT FORT SASKATCHEWAN,

As soon as survey is completed.

For particulars apply to

P. HEIMINCK,

or to Ft. Saskatchewan.

WM. BEALL,

Winnipeg.

TENDERS will be received up to the Tenth day of May, for the carpenter work of a Frame Church, 30x50 feet, on the H.B. Co. reserve. All material will be supplied, plans and specifications may be seen with Mr. D. R. Fraser at the Edmonton Mills.

JOHN CAMERON,
Sec'y Building Committee.

DR. MUNRO,

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Office, Hudson Bay Company's buildings.

H. Y. BLEEKER,

SOLICITOR, &c.

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Real Estate Brokers. Correspondence solicited.

G. SLACK WOOD.

JOSEPH LAKE.

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Edmonton, N.W.T.

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BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

Sash and doors on hand and made to order

Plans and estimates of buildings furnished

Everything done with neatness and despatch.

OFFICE—Main Street.

J. G. OLIVER.

JAS. McDONALD.

QUICKSILVER at Frank Oliver's

LOCAL.

SNOW and rain on Sunday last.

THE spring exodus is commencing.

GARDEN seeds are scarce this spring.

OATMEAL is now among the things that were.

PLENTY of ducks and geese now since the last storm.

G. GULLION is building a large inland or York boat at the fort for the H.B. Co.

DAMP weather on Wednesday put back farming operations considerably.

THE Indian Department has still a large quantity of bacon on hand at this agency.

W. McKINNEY says that some one has jumped his claim on the south side of the river.

ICE was running in the river on Saturday night last, but it was clear in the morning.

THE Little Mountain settlement is well advanced in seeding, most of the wheat is in already.

WAGES are likely to be high this season. Carpenters command three to four dollars a day now.

THE river is low, but there is so much ice piled along the shores and bars that miners cannot work yet.

GERBONE and Smith are fixing paddles on their scows so that the engine can assist in taking them up stream.

CONSIDERABLE difficulty is experienced in getting enough hay and grain to put the working animals through seeding.

THE Indian agent has received from the department two large maps of the world for use in Indian schools in this district.

R. McLELLAN and **Ad McPherson** put their carts across the river on Thursday. They are going to the end of the track for freight.

VERY few carts will go to Winnipeg or the end of the track this season, as the greater part of the freight is ordered to come by boat.

J. MURPHY has sold his farm near Little Mountain to G. Blake for \$1,000 cash. The improvements were a house and several acres of breaking.

D. S. McKAY has ploughed on his lots adjoining his house on the H.B. Co. reserve. As the old public road crosses the lots the ploughing will cause some inconvenience.

WOOD, Lake and Fraser are now the proprietors of the much talked of Pruden estate. The deed, with Mr. Pruden's signature attached, is on exhibition at Wood & Lake's office.

SMALL change has always been scarce here but during the last week or two quite a number of ten cent pieces have come into circulation. They were brought up by A. Macdonald & Co.

WALTER's ferry scow began running on Wednesday afternoon. The cable is a vast improvement on the old style. It is, however, rather too high above the water for the scow to run easily.

DONALD McLeod complains that some of the old trails on the south side of the river have been fenced up, especially the one which comes down the hill past the place lately purchased by Murdoch McLeod.

F. M. JUNEAU claims to have struck a lime stone quarry about twelve miles from town. It is not on the Saskatchewan, but he declines to say just where it is. He says that he will be able to supply the town with lime within thirty days.

THE road down the hill to the Edmonton Mills is so steep and bad generally that it is almost impossible to take full loads up or down it. A little grading would be a great convenience to the public and an assistance to the business of the mill.

REV. DR. NEWTON recommends a spot on the river bank between George Rath's place and the Hermitage as a suitable site for a cemetery which would be convenient for the whole settlement. It is beautifully situated, has a dry sandy soil and is at present unclaimed.

THE timber agent has demanded payment of dues on the claims purchased lately by A. D. Patton and R. McKernan, although the former owners held free permits. The agent takes the ground that when they sold their improvements the timber became liable for dues as any other timber would be that was sold, on which the dues had not been paid.

On Wednesday as J. Lauder, jr. was bringing a cart load of wood into town, the cart upset a little behind A. Macdonald and Co's store. He jumped from the load as he saw it about to go over, and fell on the ground beside the ox. The ox fell on his leg holding him tight and giving him great pain. His cries attracted assistance and he was released, badly frightened but not much hurt.

BOW RIVER.

DONALD McLeod arrived from Bow river on Monday last. He occupied ten days in coming in. He crossed the Red Deer river on the ice after waiting three days for it to go. The rest of the streams were open and very high. He had to raft the Black Mud.

Matters at Calgary are not very stirring. The place has not grown any for the last three or four years. About 20 police are stationed at the fort.

Cattle as a rule wintered well, but some of the lately arrived herds have suffered considerable losses.

The Cochrane Co. have between twenty and thirty men employed. They have plowed a little and are erecting some new buildings.

Four X flour is worth \$15 a sack at Calgary, and \$10 to \$12 at McLeod.

LAC LA BICHE.

JOE Lake and **Henry Fraser** got back from Lac la Biche on Monday evening last, accompanied by J. McKay. They occupied fifteen days on the round trip. Snow was deep from Victoria north on the way out but was gone on the return trip. All the streams were open except the Beaver river on the other side of Whitefish lake. The rest were too deep for fording.

Goods of all kinds are scarce at all points along the road.

About double as much fur was traded last winter as the winter before, but nothing is doing at present as the Indians are all off on their spring hunt.

There is considerable sickness just now at Whitefish lake. It is principally whooping cough. Five children died in one week.

Work is going ahead on the new mill building at Lac la Biche.

The ice was still in the river when the party passed Victoria.

PRAIRIE FIRES.

As a good many prairie fires have been running lately, it may not be out of place to publish the law on the matter:

I. "Any person who kindles or is a party to kindling a fire in the open air in any part of the said Territories, except for camp or domestic purposes or to protect buildings, stacks, or other like property in danger of being destroyed by running fires, or for clearing lands, in the months of December, January, February, March or April, by burning log heaps sufficiently separated from surrounding brushwood or other inflammable material to prevent the fire from spreading, shall on conviction thereof pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with costs of prosecution; and in default of payment be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months."

II. "Any person who kindles or is a party to kindling a fire in the open air for any of the purposes allowed in the next preceding section, and who neglects taking effectual means, while such purpose is being served, or after it has been served, to prevent such fire from running at large, shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, with costs of prosecution; and in default of payment, to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding two months."

III. "Nothing in this Ordinance shall bar or prevent the owner of private property from recovering damages from any offender against the first and second sections of this Ordinance."

VI. "In prosecutions upon information under this Ordinance whereby conviction is secured and a fine paid or collected, the informer shall be entitled to receive one-half of the said fine."

VII. "Any laws heretofore in force in the North-West Territories for the Prevention of Prairie and Forest Fires are hereby repealed."

STRAYED on to the premises of the undersigned a dark, bay mare, scar on off leg. Three white heels. Sold by me to Van Courtland last summer. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take the animal away.

J. YORKE.

JUST ARRIVED

The largest stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING

yet brought into the City of Edmonton, and marked down at prices to suit the times

Call, see and be convinced.

BOY'S SUITS, all sizes and prices.

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A large lot of

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superior in quality and very cheap

A fresh lot

TEAS AND OTHER GROCERIES

Stock in other lines well assorted.

A. MACDONALD & CO'S

LOCAL.

SEEDING is well advanced.

THE Black Mud creek is very high.

GREAT demand for breaking this spring.

SEED grain and potatoes are scarcer than ever.

O. DEROME still holds the fort on P. Heim-
inck's place at Ft. Saskatchewan.

G. S. WOOD, Colin Fraser, and G. Kiplin
left for Winnipeg per kyuse train on Monday
last.

MESSRS. MCKAY & BLAKE are putting up a
real estate office on their lots on the H.B.Co.
reserve.

J. HANEY left for up the river on a mining
expedition, in a canoe on Wednesday morn-
ing last.

MESSRS. SELVAIS left for Peace Hills with
freight for the Indian Department on Satur-
day last.

THE Edmonton Mills will soon quit grind-
ing for the season. Those who have grain to
grind should hurry up with it.

REV. PERE LEDUC left for the south on
Wednesday, on a visit to the R.C. Mission
stations in the Bow river and Ft. McLeod
districts.

A. MACDONALD, of A. Macdonald & Co., and
Alex. Dunnop of the BULLETIN pulled out for
Battleford and Winnipeg in a small boat at
noon on Tuesday last.

A MEETING is called by request of Rev. Dr.
Newton for Saturday evening at seven o'clock,
in the public school house to take the ceme-
tery question into consideration.

THE part of the Pritchard property front-
ing on Main street has been fenced, with a
view to preventing parties from appropriating
town lots without first arranging with the
proprietors.

J. A. MACRAE and J. A. Mitchell left on
Tuesday for Victoria and Lac la Biche on In-
dian Department business. Mitchell will re-
main at Victoria as he has been appointed sub-
Indian agent for that division of the Edmon-
ton agency.

It is to be feared that the census will not
entitle the Edmonton district to representa-
tion in the North-West council unless it is
construed in a very liberal manner, or unless
the Victoria, Whitefish lake and Lac la Biche
settlements are included.

THE Edmonton Cricket Club has been or-
ganized, and Mr. G. S. Wood has been in-
structed to procure the necessary tools while
on his trip to the east. This club considers
itself the boss of any similar organization
within a radius of 500 miles.

THE Globe says that Mr. J. E. Olmstock,
who is conversant with steamboating in very
shallow water in the St. John river, New
Brunswick, passed through Toronto lately
with models of boats of shallow draught—
stern wheelers—to ply in the upper waters
of the Saskatchewan. This is good news.

THE H.B. Co. started their new York boat
for Victoria on Wednesday. She was loaded
with supplies for the H.B.Co. and Indian De-
partment at Victoria and will return with 400
bushels of potatoes. A small light draught
steamer could find considerable employment
in such trips as this along the Upper Saska-
chewan, between Ft. Pitt and the old Mountain
Fort.

LAST week Messrs. Lake and Wood sold out
their quarter interest in the Sinclair claim to
A. Macdonald for \$2,500 and shortly after-
wards A. W. Kippen sold his quarter to the
same purchaser. On Saturday the Main
street was located through the property, a
little further from the bank than it formerly
was, so as to leave a range of lots on the
south side.

THE long expected mail arrived at last on
Wednesday about noon, eighteen days and a
half out from Battleford. It was very heavy,
having got wet, besides having a considerable
quantity of seeds on. It was brought by G.
Hodson of Battleford, Ballendine's sub-con-
tract having expired the mail before last.
Mr. Scott of Battleford came on it as far as
Victoria and Mr. J. Lee of Toronto, to Ed-
monton.

W. MAJOR got back from his trip along the
telegraph line on Wednesday. He went to
Blackfoot Coulee, about 100 miles from Bat-
tleford. The line was not broken but it was

in the water in a great many places. The
country to the east, generally dryer than in
this vicinity, is much wetter now, and the
snow is still a foot deep in many of the bluffs.
He nearly drowned one of his horses in the
Hay lakes creek. He met Joe Macdonald and
J. G. Dawes a short distance on the other
side of Hay lakes.

THE Benton Line will run four boats on the
Missouri during the coming summer between
Bismarck and Benton. The Company, T. C.
Power, manager, guarantee rates, insure de-
livery and promise close connections at both
ends of the line. The Baker Line will also
run on the Missouri between the above men-
tioned points. It is to be hoped that we will
soon be able to have somewhat similar ar-
rangements in regard to the Saskatchewan,
which all agree is fully equal to the Missouri
for navigation.

ON Monday last W. Humberstone, who has
been living on and claiming a portion of the
McLeod and Sinclair claims ever since last
summer started to inclose a field adjoining
the house occupied by him, taking in part of
the main street which was laid out on Satur-
day by A. W. Kippen for A. Macdonald. Mr.
McLeod immediately interviewed him in a
very excited manner demanding gore right
there. Humberstone kept on fencing utterly
regardless of consequences. It was finally dis-
covered that the rails were cut without a
permit, and Mr. Anderson, timber agent was
applied to for assistance in the case. On his
arrival he seized the rails that were put up
and also the pile from which they were being
hailed, thereby making it a felony for Hum-
berstone to touch any of them. He then
hired Mr. McLeod and his team to haul away
the rails that had been put up. This was
done the same evening and quiet was restored
for the time being at least—Mr. McLeod re-
marking that there were "more ways of
hanging a cat than by choking it with butter."

THE C.P.R. Co. took possession of section
15, from Cross Lake to Rat Portage on March
17th.

It is rumored Vice-President Hill of the St.
Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, has secured
the franchises of the St. Paul & Duluth.

THE Bank of Ottawa will soon establish an
agency in Winnipeg, premises having been
secured for that purpose in Donaldson's
block.

Recent fires have moved the Winnipeg City
Council into passing a stringent fire by-law
and adopting the fire alarm telegraph and
paid brigade systems.

A Company, to be known as the Vancouver
Land and Railway Company, has been formed
for the construction of a line of railway from
Victoria to Nanaimo, B. C. The considera-
tion is a grant of 1,900,000 acres of coal lands.

A large number of members of the Primi-
tive Methodist Church in Toronto are prepar-
ing themselves with camp outfits, etc., to take
possession of their recently granted colony in
Qu'Appelle. They will leave on the first of
April.

THE total sales in the C. P. R. land offices
last month amounted to over a million dol-
lars, being the largest business ever done in a
single month in the company's offices.
Eighty-five thousand acres of farm property
were sold at an average of \$7.50 per acre.

A terrible explosion of nitro-glycerine oc-
curred on the Yale-Savona railroad on the
8th inst. Hugh Craig went into a tunnel
where explosives were stored to get a fuse.
Suddenly a tremendous explosion shook the
ground for miles. Craig was blown to pieces.
Thomas Williams, standing 150 feet away, was
fatally injured. John Fawson and Jos. Du-
gan, Canadians, were slightly hurt. The
damage to the works is considerable.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders
of the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway
and Steamship Company, the following di-
rectors were elected:—H. Sutherland, Winni-
peg; Hon. Jas. Skead; W. Bannerman, M.P.,
Renfrew; Amos Rowe, Winnipeg; G. Brown,
and C. Smith, Ottawa. A meeting of the di-
rectors was held immediately afterwards,
when Mr. H. Sutherland was elected Presi-
dent, Mr. C. Smith Vice-President, and Mr.
Riopelle Acting-Secretary. The head offices
will be in Winnipeg.

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signed a dark, bay mare, scar on off hip
Three white heels. Sold by me to Van Court
land last summer. Owner is requested to
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J. YORKE.

EDMONTON HOTEL.

The Pioneer House of Entertainment west
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peg, the great Bow River grazing country
the Peace River country and British Columbia
via the Jasper Pass, centre on the Town Site.

It is the terminus of the C.P. telegraph line
the North-West mail route, and the projected
Saskatchewan branch of the C.P.R.

The Hudson's Bay Co. offer for sale 1,000
lots on the above town site at low prices and
on reasonable terms.

All information can be had by applying to
the H.B.Co. offices in Winnipeg or Montreal.

R. MCGINN, C. J. BRYDGES,
Agent, Edmonton. Commissioner

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Proprietors.

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VOL. III.

As the BULLETIN has received a very fair support during the past winter, we propose to continue publication permanently. The present volume will include twenty-six issues running until the 28th of October, next. We do not feel warranted in enlarging the paper at present as the summer season will likely be dull, but during the summer we will make such preparations that if the necessity arises we can increase the size in the fall. We cannot promise telegraphic news every week, as the line will in all probability be down the greater part of the time, but whenever it can be got we will have it. In other matters we can only say that as we were so we will be—but always with an eye to improvement.

TIMBER.

Although the North West Territory is generally considered to be a prairie country, the southern is the only part that is true prairie, and even there, on or near the boundary line, there are extensive tracts of partially wooded country, such as the Turtle, Moose, Woody and Cypress Mountains. Between the true prairie in the south and the forest line north of the Saskatchewan is the partially wooded country containing a great deal of timber of a small size scattered in clumps or bluffs, in sufficient quantities to supply settlers with firewood and fencing. In this part of the country the rainfall is greater than on the bare plains of the south, while it is not so great as amongst the heavy timber, and indeed this country of mixed prairie and timber constitutes the true fertile belt. Still there is not in the whole region any considerable quantity of timber large enough to saw into lumber, and even inside the line of the supposed true forest there are no stretches of solid timber of any kind such as are found in Eastern Canada. On the head waters of the rivers near the mountains, and in patches amongst the poplar and scrub which cover the country, the spruce, which answers the purpose of pine, is found, and while the supply is ample for all that will be wanted for some years, it is not by any means inexhaustible. On the head waters of the Assiniboine in the east and of the Saskatchewan and the Red Deer in the west is all the sawing timber that is at present available for use on the plains, what further supply is needed must be brought in by rail, either from the country east of the Winnipeg river, from across the mountains, or from the timbered country north of the Saskatchewan.

The timber resources of the two former districts are well known now, but of the latter very little can be said with certainty. It is known that there is a vast extent of rugged woody country, on and north of the divide which separates the waters of the Saskatchewan from those of the Churchill and Mackenzie rivers, but whether the timber is good enough or in sufficient quantities to warrant the expense of building a railroad, is not known. It is altogether probable, however, that a road built to connect the Saskatchewan at Edmonton with the Athabasca at Ft. Assiniboine or the Athabasca Landing, a distance of about 90 miles, would have a supply

of timber at command that would last the western part of the country for many years. The country on both sides of the Athabasca from the mountains down to the lake of the same name is said to be timbered, as also the McLeod river which falls into the Athabasca above Ft. Assiniboine. Even if the timber were not very thick, in that distance, four or five hundred miles, and with no local demand, this would be sufficient to last the prairie country south-east of Edmonton for many years.

A CEMETERY.

We quite agree with Rev. Dr. Newton that it is time a cemetery was located for the town of Edmonton. Although our population is yet small and our climate exceptionally healthy, people will die eventually even here, and it is right, even at this early date, a suitable plot of land should be chosen in which the dead can be laid at rest, away from the ordinary resorts of the living and where they will not be likely to be disturbed in the future by the necessities of trade or traffic. Now, when the land is still to a great extent unimproved, is the time to secure a suitable location. Although the appearance or situation of the cemetery make no difference to those who occupy it, the living like to see the place of the dead present an attractive rather than a repulsive appearance. For this reason the site should be located while there are still plenty of suitable places to choose from.

The only burying ground here, in use at present, is that of the Methodist Mission. While the site itself could not be more suitable, its location and surroundings indicate that at no distant day its size will be reduced to such an extent as to make it of no use as a public cemetery, and besides the fact of its denominational character is a bar to its general use. It is between the present and proposed Main streets, at the boundary of the H.B.Co. property, and about the centre of our very scattered town. There are twenty or thirty graves in it now, which are, however, pretty close together and do not take up much room, but if the town increases in population and business, as it is expected to, it may become necessary to remove even these, so that it is not advisable to add to the number.

Besides having a choice of locations an object in securing the necessary land immediately would be that it could be purchased much cheaper now than it probably ever can be again. As our town is as yet without any organized body who would have power to act in this matter we suggest that the pastors of the different religious bodies take the matter in hand and test in a practical manner the feeling of the people on the subject.

THE mail has been carried very regularly all winter, and unless the weather is very bad it generally is in that season, but this spring, as is usual in spring, the arrangements seem to have broken down completely. The trouble is that although the contractors know perfectly well that travelling is more difficult in spring than at any other time no extra preparations are made. The same outfit that would be started out when the roads were perfectly good either in winter or summer is started when there is simply no bottom to them, when every creek is a river and every swamp a lake, and of course besides ruining the horses they cannot and do not get through on time, or anywhere near time. The loss and inconvenience that people suffer in other places when the mail is delayed a day or two is great, but it is nothing in proportion to what people here suffer when it is weeks be-

hind time and the next one is liable to be weeks behind again. Cash is received and bills in the East paid through the mail, seeds are received and many other matters of the greatest importance transacted through it, especially at this time of the year, and for the telegraph line and mail to fail us at once is little short of a calamity. We speak the more feelingly on this subject as our stock of paper is nearly exhausted and we expect a supply by mail.

Over seventy inches of snow in New Hampshire last winter.

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